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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Allband)
Communications Cooperative for a Temporary)
and Permanent License to Provide Basic Local)
Exchange Service in Seven Unserved Service)
Territories in Northeast Lower Michigan.)
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Case No. U-15385

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION OF ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

Allband Communications Cooperative, (the "Cooperative" or "Allband"), by its undersigned counsel, files this amendment to its August 31, 2007, application and attached Exhibits.

Allband's August 31, 2007 application, attachments, and requested relief is in all respect unchanged, except to reflect a change in Allband's General Manager position and its accounting firm (as referenced on page 5 of the August 31, 2007 application, and in Exhibit JR-2 (A-2) attached thereto).

This amendment reflects the resignation of Mr. Paul Hartman as Allband's General Manager, and the designation of Mr. Ron K. Siegel, Jr., Allband's Operations Manager to the position of Acting General Manager (and Operations Manager). This amendment also reflects a change in Allband's accounting firms, from James E. McCartney, CPA, McCartney & Company, P.C. to two (2) other firms, including the Lally Group, P.C. (Lally, Cummings, Palmer and Patch) of Jackson, Michigan, and Kiesling Associates, LLP, of Madison, Wisconsin. Additional information concerning the Acting Manager and the two accounting firms are included in

Amended Exhibit JR-2 (A-2) attached to this amendment and incorporated herein as part of Allband's application in this proceeding.

Based upon its August 31, 2007 application, as amended herein, Allband Communications Cooperative respectfully requests prompt consideration and approval of its application in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDED EXHIBIT JR-2 (A-2)

Biographies of Key Management

And Technical Consultants for

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ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

Biographies of Key Management and Technical Consultants

This summary provides biographical sketches of key members of the Board of Directors of Allband Communications Cooperative, and some of the key consultants who are associated with the formation of the Cooperative, and the efforts to implement communication services in the Cooperative's proposed service territory.

MANAGEMENT

John M. Reigle, President, Allband Communications Cooperative

John M. Reigle is the founder of Allband Communications Cooperative, and currently serves on its Board of Directors and as President of the Cooperative. Mr. Reigle's vision has been to provide the finest communication services to residents of the "unassigned" area of Michigan where he currently lives, using a fiber optic network. Allband will also provide an opportunity for economic development in its service territory, and will also provide a place where students, faculty, and industry will converge to provide educational and research opportunities for the area.

In addition to his affiliation with Allband, Mr. Reigle also has extensive experience in the consulting business, serving various corporations with competitive market strategies, site selection services, and new product and service development. He is currently providing rural market consulting and management services to small communities in Northeast Michigan, with the focus on sustainable economic development projects.

John M. Reigle earned a Bachelor of Independent Studies degree from the University of Michigan-Flint and a Mortuary Science degree from Wayne State University. He worked as a licensed funeral director and manager of the Colonial chapel for Reigle Funeral Homes for 6 years. This was a business his grandparents, John J. and Wanda E. Reigle, started in Flint, Michigan in 1930. The family business, which included three funeral homes, a flower shop, and a limousine service, was a large and respected firm. It was sold in 1986 to Service Corporation International, the world's largest provider of funeral services. Mr. Reigle continued to work for SCI until 1993. Since then, Mr. Reigle has been an advocate for consumer rights in the funeral industry. He authored the book "When Death Occurs: A Practical Consumer's Guide to Funerals, Memorials, Burial, Cremation, and Body Donation" (copyright 2003) and gives educational workshops on his book across the Midwest.

Vivian L. Kus, Allband Communications Cooperative

Vivian L. Kus is a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of Allband. Mrs. Kus retired from the banking industry in 1998 and currently resides in Curran, Michigan, with her husband, Craig Kus, CEO for the Bank of Alpena.

Mrs. Kus began her banking career in 1979 with Florida Coast Bank as a Customer Service Representative. After returning to Michigan in 1984, she was employed by Alpena Savings Bank as a Collection Teller and later as a Customer Service/New Accounts Representative. With the merger of Alpena Savings Bank and First of America Bank, she was promoted to Cash Management Sales. Her responsibilities included selling cash management products and services to commercial customers in the Northeast Michigan area. Mrs. Kus continued in this capacity after First of America merged with National City Bank, and until her retirement.

Other Allband Board Members --

In addition to the above, other local residents within the proposed service territory who are members of Allband's Board of Directors include the following:

Robert C. Hastings - Member of the Board and Vice-President

Mr. Hastings is a retired sewer and water contractor, and has considerable expertise in related local and state regulation of public works projects.

Jerry R. McBride - Member of the Board and Secretary

Mr. McBride is a retired engineer who specialized in large industrial projects.

Allyn J. Kaercher - Member of the Board

Mr. Kaercher is a retired member of the production facilities staff at the Ann Arbor News.

Ron K. Siegel Jr., Operations Manager and (Acting) General Manager Allband Communication Cooperative

Ron K. Siegel Jr. (M.A., Michigan State University) is the Operations Manager/ (Acting) General Manager of Allband Communications Cooperative and has worked for the cooperative since November 2004. Mr. Siegel has a strong history of multi-layered project coordination and operational management, and is responsible the cooperative's development and management.

Mr. Siegel earned a Bachelors and Masters degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University where he focused his graduate studies on rural telecommunication development and wrote a masters thesis titled, *Roles for Local Governmental, Educational, and Related Entities in Rural Telecommunication Development.*

Mr. Siegel began his management career as the operations manager of an independent grocer in southeast Michigan. He spent three years working for Michigan State University's Telecom Systems Department and was the lead project coordinator of the MSU Site for Information and Telecommunication Experimentation (M-SITE) where he co-authored the, *Broadband Services*

Report, a state funded regional strategic report on broadband implementation in rural Northeast Michigan.

Engineering

Kardramas, Lee & Jackson

Allband has secured and utilized the services of an excellent Michigan-based engineering firm, Kadramas, Lee & Jackson, to design Allband's planned system expansion and to prepare associated engineering plans, maps, and engineering-related loan documents. A copy of the website page of this firm is attached.

Accounting

Lally Group, P.C. (Lally, Cummings, Palmer and Patch)

Responsibility: General accounting, quarterly reports, etc.

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Lally Group, PC is a full service accounting and consulting firm headquartered in Jackson, Michigan. We cater to a wide variety of clients ranging from individuals to medium-sized corporations. Our partners and staff accountants specialize in business consulting, estates and trusts, fraud examinations and business valuations. In addition to our specialty areas, we also provide tax and accounting services, including tax planning and tax return preparation, auditing, and bookkeeping.

The firm of Lally Group, PC is dedicated to serving all of your accounting, tax, and financial services needs. Our continuing mission is to serve you by providing the highest level of expertise and professionalism possible. Services to each client are tailored to meet their particular needs, whether it's the selection of operating entity and accounting software for a new business, or providing management consulting to an established organization.

Our areas of industry practice include the following:

Nursing Home and Assisted Living for Seniors Construction Contractors and Trades Manufacturing Independent Telephone Companies Nonprofit Organizations Cable Television Wholesale Distribution Retail Professional Services

Lally Group is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Our firm is also a member of the Division of CPA Firms section of the AICPA and undergoes periodic third-party review of our practices and procedures. We have consistently received the highest result, an unqualified opinion, for these operational audits.

The staff at Lally Group consists of highly motivated professionals seeking to improve both their skills and abilities along with assisting in our client's growth and prosperity. Lally Group is an equal opportunity employer always looking for qualified professionals to join our team.

Kiesling Associates, LLP

Responsibility: Annual audits and tariff submissions/revisions

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The origin of the Firm dates back to 1952 when Founder, Arthur G. Kiesling, opened his CPA office on the Capital Square in Madison, Wisconsin. He brought to the practice more than twenty years of experience in public utility accounting, financing and regulatory matters, including controllership responsibilities for the Illinois and Wisconsin properties of Commonwealth Telephone, now part of Verizon Communications, Inc.

Art Kiesling's mid-life decision to start his own public accounting practice rather than to pursue a promising career with an aggressive national corporation seems to epitomize a philosophy that still exists at the Firm. We prefer to do business at the personal level, and value highly the close relationships which develop from being involved with a client over a period of years.

Our firm was organized to provide financial, tax and consulting services to telecommunications and utility companies throughout the United States. From our beginning, we've been a leader in providing solutions to our clients. We are currently providing a variety of services to over 200 communication and utility companies; including telecommunications, cable television, electric and gas utilities, and wireless services.

Through our participation in technical conferences with state regulators, state and national industry associations, our membership in the Telergee Alliance, BDO Seidman Alliance, and our assistance to clients in dealing with complex financial, marketing, regulatory and business matters, we believe our experience positions us to uniquely respond to your needs.

Legal

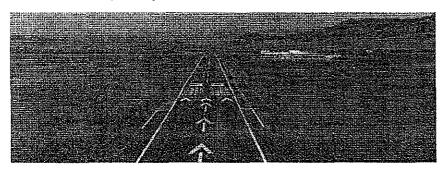
Clark Hill PLC, Don L. Keskey, Esq.

Allband has obtained the services of Clark Hill PLC, and Don L. Keskey, to assist in the formulation of Allband, and in applying for applicable licenses and loans. Mr. Keskey has over 33 years of legal experience as an attorney, including nine years in private practice and 25 years as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, including 15 years as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Public Service Division of the Attorney General's Office. For many years, Mr. Keskey served as the Division Head of the Attorney General's Office that represented the Michigan Public Service Commission in state and federal agencies and Courts. As a member of the firm of Clark Hill PLC, Mr. Keskey continues to be heavily involved in utility and regulatory law, including telecommunications matters. Clark Hill PLC also specializes through its Lansing office in administrative law and governmental affairs, and -- utility and regulatory law, including telecommunications matters.

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Our firm has the expertise and experience to resolve allegations of fraud, obtain evidence, take statements/write reports and assist in the detection and prevention of fraud.

Tax Planning

Our firm continuously monitors federal, state, and local tax law changes to allow our clients to minimize current and future tax liabilities. If necessary, we can implement tailor-made due-date tax compliance monitoring systems to prevent costly interest and penalty assessments attributable to late filing.

Financial Statements

Our firm prepares professional, GAAP-compliant financial statements as well as tailor-made financial analyses that can help business owners and managers eliminate inefficiency and realize a business's profit potential.

Financial Forecast and Projections

Our firm provides complete financial and business forecasting services, including projections. We will also customize "What If" planning scenarios to help management foresee and plan for unexpected business contingencies.

Business Succession Planning

Stop wondering if and how your business will continue without you there. As experts in business succession planning, our firm can suggest many courses of action to provide assurance that your business will enjoy a smooth continuance and that your heirs and business associates will be well protected.

Estate Planning

Our firm offers estate planning services so you can minimize both federal and state estate tax liabilities. We will endeavor to protect your heirs from the unneeded emotional devastation that can be caused by estate tax levies.

Accounting Services

Our firm offers a complete range of accounting services, including receivables, payables, and payroll management. We prepare financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for use by banks, investors, and other third parties. Our firm will also prepare custom financial reports for internal and managerial use.

Tax Preparation

Our firm offers professional preparation of all federal, state, and local tax returns including estate, gift, and trust tax returns.

Compilation, Review, and Audit Services

Our firm provides professional compilation, review, and audit services to businesses of all sizes. We can quickly compile your financial records into meaningful GAAP-compliant financial statements, offer limited-scope review testing, and can deliver complete audit attestation. We also provide audit services in compliance with OMB Circular A-133, the Rural Utilities Service and HUD Section 232.

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